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Office Action Summary

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MIERNIK ET AL.

Examiner

Duc Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6,8-12,14-19,21-29 and 31-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19,21-29 and 31-39 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5,6,8,11,12,14,17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,9,10,15 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The indicated allowability of claims 5, 11, and 17 are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Baum et al (US 2002/0024964A1). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 2, 5-6, 8, 11-12, 14, 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marinho et al (JP02000209298A) in view of Baum et al (US 2002/0024964A1).

Consider claims 5-6, 11-12, 17-18. Marinho teaches a method and system for upgrading service class of connections in a wireless network, comprising identifying a congested CoS in a sector of a wireless network (page 1 of the detail description, paragraphs 3-7; page 3 of the detail description, paragraph 19); determining bandwidth availability in the sector of the wireless network at an enhanced CoS in relation to the congested CoS (page 1 of the detail description, paragraphs 6-7; page 4 of the detail description, paragraphs 22-25); selecting a communications session in the congested CoS for upgrading (page 1 of the detail description, paragraphs 6-7; page 4 of the detail description, paragraphs 22-25); and upgrading the communications session to the enhanced CoS (page 1 of the detail description, paragraphs 6-7; page 4 of the detail

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description, paragraphs 22-25; pages 5-6 of the detail description, paragraph 33). Marinho does not clearly teach upgrading the communications session to the enhanced CoS by modifying a CoS identifier of one or more packets of the communications session.

Baum teaches upgrading the communications session to the enhanced CoS by modifying a CoS identifier of one or more packets of the communications session (pages 11-12, paragraphs [0183]- [0184]; page 13, paragraph [0199]; fig. 20).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the teachings of Baum into the teachings of Marinho in order to provide an improved techniques that aggregate a large number of physical connections, for presentation to a small number of high bandwidth ports and to provide a transport network in which customer data is private and secure.

Consider claims 2, 8, 14. Marinho further teaches accessing a policy information base (database 160) comprising service policies for communication sessions in the congested CoS (pages 5-6 of the detail description, paragraph 33); identifying an upgradeable connection based on the service policy (pages 2-3 of the detail description, paragraphs 10-15); and selecting the upgradeable communication sessions for upgrading (pages 2-3 of the detail description, paragraphs 10-15).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-4, 9-10, 15-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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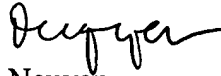
5. Claims 19, 21-29, 31-39 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-308-7527. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00AM-2:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 703-305-4708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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